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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

## WRITTEN REQUEST FOR STATUS UPDATE

Dear Sir:

Please provide us with an update regarding the status of the above-identified patent application.

A Pre-Appeal Brief Request for Review was filed July 18, 2006. A panel decision has not yet been received from the United States Patent and Trademark Office. Accordingly, please notify our office of the status of this application and what further steps Applicant is required to take to ensure the prosecution of this application.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

DATED this 20<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

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